

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): AN AUTOMATED METHOD FOR CONDUCTING BUY/SELL  
TRANSACTIONS FOR NON-COMMODITY MATERIALS OR DEVICES

By (Inventors): J. Edward Cichanowicz

- ☒ 47 pages of Specification/Claims 1-20/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings Fig. 1; 1 sheet is attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/199,126, filed April 24, 2000, the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--  
☐ Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0
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SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY		
RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE	
	\$ 355	OR		\$ 710	
x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$	
x 40 =	\$	OR	x 80	\$	
+135 =	\$	OR	+270	\$	
TOTAL	\$ 355	OR	TOTAL	\$	

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$355.00 for the filing fee is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300. However, this application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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